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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the unsealing of an Indictment¹ against Benjamin Dale Leaman, charging that Leaman conspired to import controlled substances, including oxycodone, methodone, and morphine, and to possess with intent to distribute such controlled substances. The indictment further charges Leaman with one count of importing controlled substances, nine counts of money laundering, one count of possessing with intent to distribute oxycodone, one count of possessing with intent to distribute hydrocodone, and one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH |
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| Benjamin Dale Leaman | Lancaster, PA | 1955 |

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 320 years imprisonment, a \$11,050,000 fine, a mandatory minimum of 6 years up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$1,500 statutory assessment.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark B. Dubnoff.

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